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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Communications Agency

FROM :

Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation

SUBJECT : APEX Implementation

1. In accordance with Presidential Directive (PD/NSC-55, 10 January 1980 [S]), a new Special Access Control System, APEX, is being established to control Special Access Programs related to National Foreign Intelligence.

2. APEX is being implemented in phases which will span at least the next several years. The DCI is being assisted in establishment and operation of APEX by an APEX Steering Group which is composed of representatives of NFIB members and DCI committees. The APEX Steering Group is establishing a working group that will address implementation of APEX in communications networks and other computing systems supporting the Intelligence Community. Because of the extensive and critical role of the AUTODIN network in transmission of the Special Compartmented Information to be protected under APEX, I request that a representative of the Defense Communications Agency participate in this working group.

3. The working group is expected to meet once weekly starting in early August. Initial efforts between then and mid-November will be aimed at identifying the systems changes and associated cost estimates related to APEX conversion. Later efforts will address the planning for and implementation of those changes.

4. Please contact me or any member of the APEX Control Staff if you have any questions concerning this request. Otherwise, please provide the name of your representative to

cc: OSD ASG Member
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